



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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## (U) CALIFORNIA

### (U) Beverly Hills – FBI Arrests Three Suspects in Connection with Capitol Riot

(U) Authorities arrested three Beverly Hills residents over the weekend in connection with the Capitol riots. All three were charged with knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. According to the complaint, video from the riot shows the suspects stating their names, place of residence and social media accounts in the video, which is now being used as evidence.

SOURCE: 19 January 2021, [Fox LA News](#)

### (U) Kern County – Deputy Fires Weapon at Suspects after Attempted Kidnapping of Federal Agent

(U) The Kern County Sheriff's Office arrested three suspects during an undercover operation after they attempted to kidnap a federal agent. During the narcotics operation, the suspects attempted to kidnap the undercover federal agent. While attempting to kidnap the agent, one of the suspects displayed a firearm causing a deputy to fire his weapon. The suspects fled the scene and were later taken into custody. No one was injured during the incident and the firearm was recovered during the arrest.

SOURCE: 19 January 2021, [KERO News](#)

## (U) NATIONAL

### (U) District of Columbia – Twelve Army National Guard Removed from Inauguration

(U) Washington – Pentagon officials advised 12 Army National Guard members have been removed from securing President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration after vetting by the FBI, including two who posted and texted extremist views about the event. All 12 of the dismissed Guard members had ties to right-wing militia groups or posted extremist views online. There was no specific threat to President-elect Biden and the soldiers were sent home due to "security liabilities."

SOURCE: 19 January 2021, [Daily News](#)

### (U) District of Columbia – Oath Keeper Members Accused of Conspiracy for Role in Capitol Riot

(U) Washington – Prosecutors accused three people affiliated with a far-right militia group with conspiring to breach the US Capitol. The accusation is the first time authorities have directly accused people of organizing the violent uprising that left five people dead. Three individuals associated with the Oath Keepers, including one with a leadership role, were named in a criminal complaint as having participated in the riots with additional charges possible, including rioting, and seditious conspiracy.

SOURCE: 19 January 2021, [Reuters](#)

### (U) District of Columbia – Two Arrested on Gun Charges at Checkpoint near Washington Monument

(U) Washington – Federal officers made two arrests for illegal weapons at a DC security checkpoint near the Washington Monument. The suspects were arrested and face multiple charges including unlawful transportation of a firearm, misuse of tags, and unlawful ammunition. The area is on high alert following the 6 January riots with approximately 25,000 National Guard members deployed to support law enforcement's efforts to secure the inauguration amid threats of additional violence.

SOURCE: 19 January 2021, [Fox 5](#)

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### **(U) Georgia – US Army Soldier Arrested for Attempting to Assist ISIS to Conduct Ambush on US Troops**

(U) Fort Stewart – Authorities announced the arrest of a US military member on federal terrorism charges based on alleged efforts to assist the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) to attack and kill US soldiers in the Middle East. From August 2020 through this month, the suspect provided tactical military advice to terrorists to target American soldiers in the Middle East and communicated with someone he thought was a member of ISIS to plan attacks on New York City landmarks.

SOURCE: 19 January 2021, [US DOJ](#)

### **(U) Ohio – Police Officer Shot, Killed during SWAT Standoff**

(U) Toledo – A police officer was shot and killed during a standoff with an arson suspect in Toledo, Ohio. The officer, Brandon Stalker, was taken to a hospital after being shot once, but later died from his wounds. After a two-hour standoff with an individual suspected of arson, the suspect came out of the residence with two firearms and began firing at officers. The suspect also later died at the hospital.

SOURCE: 19 January 2021, [WTOL News](#)

### **(U) New York – Political Scientist Author Charged with Acting as an Unregistered Agent of Iran**

(U) Brooklyn – Authorities in New York charged a political scientist, who lobbied US officials and published books and articles advancing Iranian viewpoints, with acting and conspiring to act as an unregistered agent of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. For over a decade, the suspect pitched himself to Congress, journalists, and the American public as a neutral and objective expert on Iran. However, he was actually a secret employee of the Government of Iran and avoided registering with the Department of Justice as the Foreign Agents Registration Act required. If convicted, the suspect faces up to 10 years in prison.

SOURCE: 19 January 2021, [US DOJ](#)

### **(U) Texas– Fourth Malware Strain Discovered in SolarWinds Incident**

(U) Austin – A cyber-security firm has identified another malware strain that was used during the recent SolarWinds supply chain attack, bringing the total number to four. The most recent strain, named Raindrop, was implemented only during the very last stages of the intrusion, deployed only on the networks of very few selected targets. The security firm is currently investigating how the strain was installed but released indicators of compromise in a recent report that the firm has seen in the cases it has investigated related to the event.

SOURCE: 19 January 2021, [ZD Net](#)

## **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Pakistan – Authorities Arrest Suspected ISIS ‘Fundraiser’**

(U) Karachi – Authorities in Pakistan arrested a university student in Karachi for allegedly collecting and sending funds to ISIS militants fighting in Syria. The counterterrorism department identified the detained suspected ISIS operative through a forensic examination of the suspect’s cellphones which established his links to a group raising funds in Pakistan for the terror organization and sending them to Syria. The evidence revealed the suspect’s involvement with ISIS over the past two years and had direct contact with “terrorists plotting attacks in Pakistan and Syria.”

SOURCE: 19 January 2021, [Eurasia Review](#)

### **(U) Turkey – 35 ISIS-linked Suspects Detained in Counterterrorism Operations**

(U) Istanbul – Turkish security forces detained 35 ISIS-linked suspects in counterterrorism operations in 15 provinces, also confiscating organizational materials during the special operations raids. The suspects were transferred to local police stations as part of the investigation as security forces continue to look

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for other suspects. The terrorist group has tried to establish a new formation in Turkey after receiving heavy blows in Iraq and Syria.

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